

Port of Shelton
Special Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Taylor called to order the special meeting of the Port of Shelton Commission at 2:00PM on May 14, 2026.

The following persons were present: Commissioner Taylor; Commissioner Buck; Wendy Smith, Executive Director; Tricia Needham, Finance Director; Brandon Palmer, Engineering Manager; Skip Houser, General Legal Counsel; Dedrick Allan, MasonWebTV; Jim Murphy, Bruce Loften, Jeff Neely, Arnie Barros, Cordin Homen, and Ned Wilson.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

IV. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Introduction of Potential Candidates – Discussion

ED Smith provided the background of the vacancy and process to date. Candidates were asked to introduce themselves and indicate why they wanted to be appointed.

Jim Murphy

Jim is a resident of the district and has a hangar at Sanderson Field. He has a background in aviation and business and is enthusiastic about the position and would like to see someone with an aviation background on the commission. He complimented the commission on the job they are doing.

Ned Wilson

Ned is a 4th generation Shelton resident and has been involved in numerous community activities throughout the years including Search & Rescue. Ned said he has a different perspective and insight from 23 years working for the Port and feels that he would be a good fit for the position.

Jeff Neely

Jeff is a 35-year resident of the community and has owned two businesses in the community that he built from scratch. He has been attending for over three years as he was interested in running for election but has taken this time to learn all things port and has attended probably about 95% of the port meetings. He enjoys watching the commission and staff and the transparency they provide to the community. He would be honored to be selected.

B) Appoint an individual to fill the Board Vacancy – Action

Commissioner Buck thanked all three candidates for their interest and invited them all to continue to stay involved. She said she would love to hear from the pilots and has no doubt Ned has a great perspective on all things Port. She does feel like Jeff Neely has been the most interested and has attended most of the meetings for three plus years. She thinks Jeff can hit the ground running. Commissioner Buck made a motion to appoint Jeff Neely to vacant position No. 1 on

the Port of Shelton Commission. The official Oath of Office will be taken and sworn in at the regular commission meeting at 2PM on June 2, 2026.

Commissioner Taylor said he has some questions, but they were mostly answered by the comments made. He wanted to thank all candidates for their interest and asked for all of them to stay engaged and interested. He said the position will be up for election in November of 2027. He said his position would also be up for election at that same time. Attorney Houser clarified that there is a filing period each May for anyone wishing to run for office and described the process. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

The Vote:

Commissioner Taylor – In favor

Commissioner Buck – In favor

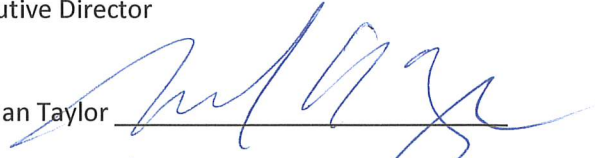
Motion Carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Taylor adjourned the special meeting of the Port of Shelton Commission at 2:14PM.

Minutes submitted by: Wendy Smith, Executive Director

Minutes approved by: Commission Chairman Taylor



Minutes approved by: Commissioner Buck

